

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1        A method for saving a submitted form of a web page,  
2        said method comprising:

3              receiving, from a user by a browser application  
4              executed in a client system, data for a form in a web  
5              page; and

6              prior to submission of the form with the data to a  
7              server system hosting the web page, saving an address of  
8              the web page, the data provided from the user for the  
9              form, and at least one field identifier for associating  
10             the data to at least one respective field of the form,  
11             into a volatile memory system of the client system,  
12             wherein the address, the data, and the at least one field  
13             identifier are still stored in the volatile memory system  
14             after the browser application is closed.

1       2. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

2                 in response to the user opening the browser  
3 application that had been closed and again requesting  
4 retrieval of the web page, retrieving the web page from  
5 the server system; and

6                 automatically filling in the form of the web page  
7 with the data stored in the volatile memory system.

1       3. The method according to Claim 2, wherein  
2 automatically filling in the form of the web page with the  
3 data stored in the volatile memory system further  
4 comprises:

5                 parsing, by the browser application, the data for the  
6 form; and

7                 displaying, by the browser application, the form with  
8 the data.

9       4. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

2                 in response to the user opening the browser  
3 application that had been closed and again requesting  
4 retrieval of the web page, retrieving the web page from  
5 the server system;

6                 automatically filling in the form of the web page  
7 with the data stored in the volatile memory system;

8                 receiving, by the browser application, a request from  
9 the user for retrieval of a web page;

10                 comparing an address of the requested web page with  
11                 the address stored in the volatile memory system;

12                 in response to a match between the address of the  
13                 requested web page and the address stored in the volatile  
14                 memory system, querying, by the browser application,  
15                 whether the user wishes to fill in the form using the data  
16                 saved in the volatile memory system; and

17                 only in response to the browser application receiving  
18                 an indication that the user wishes to fill in the form  
19                 with the data saved in the volatile memory system,  
20                 implementing, by the browser application, the retrieving  
21                 and filling in steps.

41                 5. The method according to Claim 4, further comprising:

52                 5. determining whether the requested web page has a  
53                 submittable form; and

54                 5. only in response to the requested web page having the  
55                 submittable form, implementing, by the browser  
56                 application, the receiving and saving steps.

1                 6. The method according to Claim 1, wherein saving an  
2                 address of the web page and the data provided from the  
3                 user for the form further comprises:

4                 4. calling a clipboard operation of an operating system  
5                 on which the client system operates to save the address,  
6                 the data, and the at least one field identifier into the  
7                 volatile memory system.

7. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

in response to the data for the form being successfully submitted to the server system and the browser application receiving another request for a next web page from the user, erasing, if required, the data from the volatile memory system.

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1        8. A system for saving a submitted form of a web page,  
2                said system comprising:

3                means for receiving, from a user by a browser  
4                application executed in a client system, data for a form  
5                in a web page; and

6                means for saving an address of the web page, the data  
7                provided from the user for the form, and at least one  
8                field identifier for associating the data to at least one  
9                respective field of the form, into a volatile memory  
10               system of the client system prior to submission of the  
11               form with the data to a server system hosting the web  
12               page, wherein the address, the data, and the at least one  
13               field identifier are still stored in the volatile memory  
14               system after the browser application is closed.

1       9. The system according to Claim 8, further comprising:

2               means for retrieving the web page from the server  
3               system in response to the user opening the browser  
4               application that had been closed and again requesting  
5               retrieval of the web page; and

6               means for automatically filling in the form of the  
7               web page with the data stored in the volatile memory  
8               system.

1       10. The system according to Claim 9, wherein said means  
2               for automatically filling in the form of the web page with  
3               the data stored in the volatile memory system further  
4               comprises:

5               means for parsing, by the browser application, the  
6               data for the form; and

7               means for displaying, by the browser application, the  
8               form with the data.

1       11. The system according to Claim 8, further comprising:

2               means for retrieving the web page from the server  
3               system in response to the user opening the browser  
4               application that had been closed and again requesting  
5               retrieval of the web page;

6               means for automatically filling in the form of the  
7               web page with the data stored in the volatile memory  
8               system;

9           means for receiving, by the browser application, a  
10           request from the user for retrieval of a web page;

11           means for comparing an address of the requested web  
12           page with the address stored in the volatile memory  
13           system;

14           means for querying, by the browser application,  
15           whether the user wishes to fill in the form using the data  
16           saved in the volatile memory system in response to a match  
17           between the address of the requested web page and the  
18           address stored in the volatile memory system; and

19           means for implementing, by the browser application,  
20           the retrieving and filling in steps only in response to  
21           the browser application receiving an indication that the  
22           user wishes to fill in the form with the data saved in the  
23           volatile memory system.

24           12. The system according to Claim 11, further  
25           comprising:

26           means for determining whether the requested web page  
27           has a submittable form; and

28           means for implementing, by the browser application,  
29           the receiving and saving steps only in response to the  
30           requested web page having the submittable form.

31           13. The system according to Claim 8, wherein said means  
32           for saving an address of the web page and the data  
33           provided from the user for the form further comprises:

means for calling a clipboard operation of an operating system on which the client system operates to save the address, the data, and the at least one field identifier into the volatile memory system.

14. The system according to Claim 8, further comprising:

means for erasing, if required, the data from the volatile memory system in response to the data for the form being successfully submitted to the server system and the browser application receiving another request for a next web page from the user.

1           15. A program product for saving a submitted form of a  
2           web page, said program product comprising:

3                 instruction means for receiving, from a user by a  
4           browser application executed in a client system, data for  
5           a form in a web page;

6                 instruction means for saving an address of the web  
7           page, the data provided from the user for the form, and at  
8           least one field identifier for associating the data to at  
9           least one respective field of the form, into a volatile  
10          memory system of the client system prior to submission of  
11          the form with the data to a server system hosting the web  
12          page, wherein the address, the data, and the at least one  
13          field identifier are still stored in the volatile memory  
14          system after the browser application is closed; and

15                 computer usable media bearing said control program.

1           16. The program product according to Claim 15, further  
2           comprising:

3                 instruction means for retrieving the web page from  
4           the server system in response to the user opening the  
5           browser application that had been closed and again  
6           requesting retrieval of the web page; and

7                 instruction means for automatically filling in the  
8           form of the web page with the data stored in the volatile  
9           memory system.

1           17. The program product according to Claim 16, wherein  
2           said instruction means for automatically filling in the

3 form of the web page with the data stored in the volatile  
4 memory system further comprises:

5 instruction means for parsing, by the browser  
6 application, the data for the form; and

7 instruction means for displaying, by the browser  
8 application, the form with the data.

1 18. The program product according to Claim 15, further  
2 comprising:

3 instruction means for retrieving the web page from  
4 the server system in response to the user opening the  
5 browser application that had been closed and again  
6 requesting retrieval of the web page;

7 instruction means for automatically filling in the  
8 form of the web page with the data stored in the volatile  
9 memory system;

10 instruction means for receiving, by the browser  
11 application, a request from the user for retrieval of a  
12 web page;

13 instruction means for comparing an address of the  
14 requested web page with the address stored in the volatile  
15 memory system;

16 instruction means for querying, by the browser  
17 application, whether the user wishes to fill in the form  
18 using the data saved in the volatile memory system in  
19 response to a match between the address of the requested

20        web page and the address stored in the volatile memory  
21        system; and

22              instruction means for implementing, by the browser  
23              application, the retrieving and filling in steps only in  
24              response to the browser application receiving an  
25              indication that the user wishes to fill in the form with  
26              the data saved in the volatile memory system.

1        19. The program product according to Claim 18, further  
2        comprising:

3              instruction means for determining whether the  
4              requested web page has a submittable form; and

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6              instruction means for implementing, by the browser  
7              application, the receiving and saving steps only in  
8              response to the requested web page having the submittable  
9              form.

1        20. The program product according to Claim 15, wherein  
2        said instruction means for saving an address of the web  
3        page and the data provided from the user for the form  
4        further comprises:

5              instruction means for calling a clipboard operation  
6              of an operating system on which the client system operates  
7              to save the address, the data, and the at least one field  
8              identifier into the volatile memory system.

1        21. The program product according to Claim 15, further  
2        comprising:

3 instruction means for erasing, if required, the data  
4 from the volatile memory system in response to the data  
5 for the form being successfully submitted to the server  
6 system and the browser application receiving another  
7 request for a next web page from the user.